IN THE CLAIMS

The following claim listing replaces all prior claim listings:

(Currently Amended) A backlight device comprising:ed of

a rectangular surface reflection sheet having front, backward, left side and right side directions along its surface and four corner portions;

a light source unit in which a large number of light emitting diodes are mounted, the backlight device comprising:

a reflection plate for reflecting rays of light emitted from the light source unit,

wherein the reflection plate is composed of

a bottom-surface reflection plate for reflecting_from the bottom-surface direction, rays of light emitted from the light source unit[[,]];

a plurality of side face-reflection plates sheets for reflecting rays of light emitted from the light source unit from respective forward and backward, and left and right side surface directions [[,]]; and

a <u>plurality of corner reflection plates sheets for covering respective corner portions where</u>
the bottom surface reflection plate and the side surface reflection plates are connected; and

a light source unit, mounted on the surface reflection sheet, comprising a plurality of light emitting diodes.

wherein.

the side reflection sheets are positioned along respective edges of said rectangular surface reflection sheet and extend at an angle therefrom, adjacent side reflection sheets abutting along adjoining edges, the corner reflection sheets covering interior corners formed by the surface reflection sheet and the side reflection sheets at the corner portions of the surface reflection sheet,

the side and corner reflection sheets reflect light emitted from the light source unit towards the front, backward, left side and right side surface directions,

light emitting diodes of the light source unit are located at the corner portions of the surface reflection sheet, and

each of the light emitting diodes located in the corner portions of the rectangular surface reflection sheet is equidistant from the two closest side reflection sheets and the corner reflection sheet forming the interior corner at said reflection surface corner portion.

- (Currently Amended) The backlight device as set forth in claim 1, wherein
 <u>a</u> reflection surface of the corner reflection <u>plate_sheet</u> takes <u>a polygonal</u> shape.
- (Currently Amended) The backlight device as set forth in claim 1, wherein
 a reflection surface of the corner reflection plate_sheet takes a flat plate sheet shape.
- (Currently Amended) The backlight device as set forth in claim 1, wherein
 <u>a</u> reflection surface of the corner reflection plate sheet takes <u>a</u> spherical shape.